

**39369 to 39375—Con.** (Quoted notes by Mr. Wilson Popenoe.)

It is, however, unusually prolific. The form varies from oval to broadly obovate. The surface is rough, almost tuberculate, dark green until fully ripe, when it changes to deep purple. The skin is thick, woody, granular in texture. The flesh is free from fiber, smooth, and of good flavor. The seed is slightly under average size, compared to the size of the fruit, and is perfectly tight in the cavity. The tree appears to be a vigorous grower and about as hardy as most of the Guatemalan varieties grown here. Although it has been grown under unfavorable conditions and is somewhat small in size, the parent tree has produced more than 800 fruits in a single season. It ripens from April to June. To be tried in southern Florida."

**39371.** "(No. 8. November 2, 1914.) *Meserve* avocado. A variety originated at Long Beach, Cal., on the ranch formerly owned by Mr. A. R. Meserve. The seed is believed to have come from Hawaii; in characteristics of fruit and foliage the variety is almost identical with some of the avocados of Guatemalan and southern Mexican origin which are grown in California, but in view of the fact that the Guatemalan avocados were long ago introduced into Hawaii this is not surprising. As a commercial variety the *Meserve* has the advantage that it is nearly round. Quality is its other strong point, the flavor being unusually rich and pleasant. The skin is deep green in color, thick and woody, as in all of this type. Good specimens will average nearly a pound in weight. The seed is medium sized, tight in the cavity. In growth the tree is vigorous, and while the parent was badly injured in the cold weather of January, 1913, this may not have been due to its tenderness so much as to its exposure and condition at the time. It is a good bearer, and on the whole seems to be a very promising variety. The season is April and May in southern California. For trial in southern Florida."

**39372.** "(No. 9. November 2, 1914.) *Solano* avocado. This is one of the largest varieties yet fruited in California. It originated on the property of Mr. Alfred Solano at Hollywood, Cal., and is of the southern Mexican or Guatemalan type. Probably its origin may be sought in one of the shipments of avocados brought to Los Angeles from Atlixco, Puebla, Mexico, by John Murietta. In shape the *Solano* is oval to oblong pyriform; the size is large, averaging from 16 to 28 ounces in weight. The skin is thick, tough, externally green in color, and almost smooth. The flesh is creamy yellow in color, smooth, and free from fiber. The parent tree has been grown in the center of a lawn where it received a good deal of water, consequently the fruits have not been quite as rich in flavor as they would probably have been under normal conditions. The seed is small in comparison with the size of the fruit, and it is tight in the cavity. For a variety of this size, the *Solano* is very productive. Its season is May and June. In growth it is vigorous and strong, but it does not produce good bud wood and is more difficult to propagate successfully than some others. For trial in southern Florida."

**39373.** "(No. 10. November 2, 1914.) *Blakeman* avocado. Originated on the Dickey place at Hollywood, Cal., from a seed imported from Atlixco, Puebla, Mexico, by John Murietta, of Los Angeles. It is an excellent variety of the thick-skinned Guatemalan type. In form it is broadly obovate, but broader at the basal end than is common with